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PREDICTION OF EUROPEAN WAR

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SAYS AMERICA MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN WAR.

ENGLAND AGAINST GERMANY

John Morton Griffith Says Whole German Nation is Seeking War at Every Turn—Tells Cause of Reciprocity's Defeat by Canada.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—War between England and Germany, which will affect the whole of Europe and even the Americas, with in the next six years was predicted here today by John Morton Griffith, member of the British parliament.

He said the whole German nation was seeking war at every turn. Canada, he said, refused reciprocity because the people there desired to stick close to mother England in a crisis.

Burglaries at Marietta.

Marietta, Okla., Dec. 16.—The hardware store and the store of Freeman brothers were broken into by burglars Friday night, securing in all merchandise valued at about \$200. It is believed the theft was committed by three suspicious-looking characters who purchased tickets at the Santa Fe depot late at night, for a point in Texas.

Just a suggestion: A manicure set such as we have ready for you. Ring Drug Co. 106

FRUIT CAKES, ANY SIZE, AT W. J. LANE'S. 172

COULDN'T QUIT CREDIT BUSINESS

My customers and friends were sorry when I told you in November that I would quit the credit business on December 1st. I tried and couldn't do it, but I will swear that I had more people than ever wanting credit. Some wanted to pay \$1 down and some half down; others wanted the full bill of goods with nothing down. For this reason I am going to continue the easy-payment plan until January 1st. But please don't ask me to loan you any cash. The first payment makes you and I partners. I am overstocked and owe my creditors for several carloads of new goods. Walking is good on our paved Caddo street, so come up and see our goods and prices. No trade, no harm. No rents to pay, so I sell the cheap. New and second-hand goods of all kinds.

C. P. HALL, The Home Outfitter

SUDDEN DEATH CHAS. A. SAMMONS

PIONEER LUMBER MERCHANT OF ARDMORE DIED FRIDAY NIGHT. FUNERAL TODAY.

The people of Ardmore were saddened Saturday morning when it was learned that Charles A. Sammons had died Friday night.

Mr. Sammons had been ill for several months and he had spent several weeks at different times at health resorts in hopes of regaining his health. While the people generally did not know that his illness was of a serious nature, his closest friends were uneasy about him and he realized in a way that he could not live very long. This fact was demonstrated by a will which he said he made, in which he provided for payment of the amounts he owed and gave the balance to his three children. It is said that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Sallie Hays, of Plainview, Tex., and Charley Anderson, of this city, are to have charge of the estate of the deceased.

Mr. Sammons was a young man, not over forty-three years of age. He was well preserved and looked much younger than he was.

Mr. Sammons had devoted his life to the lumber business, beginning his life's work with a Sarsenport Lumber company, and in 1888, he moved to this town and was manager of the T. M. Richardson Company. While manager of this company he made the first deposit with any bank in the Indian Territory, and that bank was the first National of this city. It was the first bank ever to venture in the territory of the Indians and Charley Sammons was its first depositor. He and Charley Anderson, who established the bank, remained the closest personal and business friends until his death.

Afterward, he purchased the T. M. Richardson Company and ran the business under the name of the C. A. Sammons Lumber Company. Within a few years he sold his business here and moved to Corsicana, Tex., and to Fort Worth. At the latter place he was engaged in the wholesale lumber business.

But Charley Sammons thought more of Oklahoma, and he came back to Ardmore. He was the owner of the big brick lumber yard at the corner of Washington and Broadway and did a good business. He had as many friends as he had acquaintances.

About two years ago his wife became ill and died. He was left with three children—Hattie Belle, Charles and Mary. After the death of their mother the children made their home with their aunt, Mrs. Bell Hays, of Plainview, Tex.

The remains were taken to the undertaking parlors of Brown & Bridgman, where they were prepared for burial and then removed to the home of Mrs. T. Y. Morgan, where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon under the auspices of the Elks. Mr. Sammons built the Morgan home and sold it to Mrs. Morgan. He and Mrs. Sammons lived there for a number of years. Rev. C. Raymond Gray, pastor of Broadway M. E. church, will conduct the funeral services.

Mrs. Hays and the children of the deceased arrived here last night from Texas. Porter Earheart, a nephew of the deceased, and who was in his employ for seven years, arrived yesterday from Marietta and made the funeral arrangements. If the deceased had other relatives his friends here do not know of them.

Charley Sammons was the embodiment of honor; he was an ideal citizen and his untimely death casts a gloom over hundreds of close friends and makes orphans of three bright children, who will be cared for by their aunt in Texas.

The lumber yard was closed yesterday and may not be opened until the will is admitted to probate and the executors of the estate take charge of the business.

Notice to Elks.

All members of Ardmore Lodge No. 648 are requested to meet at the lodge room this afternoon promptly at 1 o'clock for the purpose of officiating at the funeral of our deceased member, Chas. A. Sammons.

W. H. FOSTER, Exalted Ruler,
JOHN T. NICHOLS, Secretary.

WHAT'S THE USE

to worry and worry when you can come here and get big, fine fat corned turkeys already dressed for your Christmas dinner. We prepared them for you expressly for your Christmas cooking.

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TO COMMEMORATE STATE'S ADMISSION

PLAN TO CELEBRATE END OF TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT IN UNITED STATES.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 16.—To commemorate the national holiday the admission into the union, thereby completing a chain of commonwealths from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and marking the end of territorial government in continental United States is the aim of delegates to congress, Philip Cameron.

THE COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY.

Monday.

Centennial of the birth of Horace B. Claff, one of America's greatest merchants and philanthropists.

Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, will address the National Civic Federation in New York.

Tuesday.

President Taft will be the guest of honor at the dinner of the New England Society of Brooklyn.

Miss Lucy Beech Johns, the only woman deputy sheriff in the world, will be married at Uniontown, Pa.

Attorney General Wickensham will deliver an address at the annual dinner of the Catholic Club of New York.

Thursday.

Yale University glee, mandolin and banjo clubs will begin tour which will extend to Florida and Georgia with a concert in Brooklyn.

St. Thomas Day will be observed by Christians in many countries.

Friday.

Year 1330 of the Mohammedan era begins and the day will be observed by all Moslems.

Southern Belle Weds.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Two prominent old southern families were united today by the marriage of Miss Charlotte James Briscoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Briscoe of this city, to Charles Edward Wagstaff Bateson, now of New York.

The bride is a granddaughter of the late Col. Goode of Virginia, while Mr. Bateson is a grandson of Gen. G. R. Humphrey of Mississippi and a great nephew of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy.

Veto for New Pension Bill.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Although appealed to Thursday by Judge Harvey M. Trimble, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and other officers of that organization, to do all in his power to provide increased pensions for civil war veterans, President Taft, it is believed, will not sign the act providing such an increase as the Sherwood dollar a day bill, recently passed by the house.

The president, it was said, refused to commit himself during the call of the veterans as to how he would act. The G. A. R. officers made no reference in their appeal to the Sherwood or any other specific bill.

DECEMBER 17 IN HISTORY.

1854—Kansas being settled by New England emigrants who were resolved to fight against slavery in the new territory.

1861—Fight at Manfordsville, Ky., the Union force engaged was a portion of the Thirty-second Indiana (German) regiment; the Confederates were commanded by General Hindman; battle drawn.

1862—The Union troops occupied Baton Rouge, La.

1868—The senate adopted a resolution disapproving the president's financial recommendation.

1873—Gold sells at par on Wall street, New York.

1885—Senator Hoar's presidential succession bill passed by the senate.

1895—President Cleveland sent his Venezuelan message to congress.

1904—Japanese resumed furious bombardment of Port Arthur. Stoesel appealed to Nogi for hospital field outside of danger zone.

1909—King Leopold of Belgium died.

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KANSAS FARMER GUILTY OF MURDER

N. T. OLESON OF COUNCIL GROVE CONVICTED OF KILLING FARM HAND.

Council Grove, Kan., Dec. 16.—N. T. Oleson, a wealthy farmer, was convicted today of the murder of a hired hand of Walter New, another farmer. The jury was out all last night and returned a verdict of second degree murder today.

The minimum sentence is twenty years. Oleson chopped off the victim's head with a corn knife.

Ardmore Boy Gets Promotion.

Howard Payne, an Ardmore boy, has gone to Boswell, where he will be a telegraph operator. Howard is a small boy and is proud of the promotion he has received, and his energy, good habits and good commonsense will lead him to success. He learned the telegraph business here with the Postal. Howard earned the first dollar he ever owned by working with the Ardmore-ite as a carrier boy and the Ardmore-ite boys always succeed. Boys who have carried papers for us are now in banks, in county offices, holding county offices by election and some are managers for big concerns. It means something for a boy to begin his career with a newspaper. It teaches him life and what is means more than nearly any other work. We expect to hear of the success of Howard Payne.

NEW HARNESS AND SADDLE SHOP HERE

MR. RAINES OF EL DORADO HAS PURCHASED SHOP AND FIXTURES OF FORMER COMPANY.

R. G. Raines has purchased the saddlery and harness stock and leased the building formerly occupied by the J. C. Patterson Harness and Saddle Company and is prepared to wait on his customers with a full line of harness and saddles. Mr. Raines is an experienced workman and is thoroughly posted in the saddle and harness trade and is prepared to serve the public promptly.

Mr. Raines stated yesterday that in taking over the stock of the former company he acquired all of the accounts and desired that all parties owing the firm come in and make early settlement.

Mr. Raines came to this city from El Dorado, Okla., where he was formerly in business.

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